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SUBJECT: MALI/UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE

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1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR LE BLANC TELLS ME THAT MALIANS NOW HAVE CLOSE TO TWO BATTALIONS OF TROOPS ON MALI-UPPER VOLTA BORDER. VOLTANS HAVE SENT PARATROOP COMPANY FROM OUAGADOUGOU (OUAGA 2399) AS WELL AS TWO OTHER COMPANIES FROM BOBO-DIOULASSO TO DJIBO REGION, AND HAVE REACTIVATED ANOTHER COMPANY NOW IN GOROM-GOROM AREA WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY ENGAGED IN FOOD DISTRIBUTION.

2. MALIAN TROOPS ARE REPORTEDLY STATIONED ON MALI SIDE OF BORDER BUT ENGAGE EVERY DAY IN PLATOON-SIZE RECONASSIANCE INSIDE UPPER VOLTA TERRITORY. A MALIAN LIEUTENANT AND FIVE MEN APPARENTLY GOT LOST DURING ONE OF THESE INCURSIONS AND WERE TAKEN PRISONERS. THEY ARE NOW BEING HELD IN DJIBO.

3. GENERAL LAMIZANA HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIS MALIAN
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COUNTERPART BY TELEPHONE AND BOTH REPORTEDLY AGREED

THAT MATTERS HAD GONE FAR ENOUGH. THEY ARE EXPECTED
TO TRY TO DEFUSE SITUATION OVER NEXT FEW DAYS. GOUV
OFFICIALS ARE STILL EXTREMELY RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS THIS
MATTER. LE BLANC, HOWEVER, IS KEPT RELATIVELY WELL
INFORMED PRESUMABLY THROUGH FRENCH MILITARY ADVISERS.
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